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In the Application of:	:	Docket No.: 6611-22-1-1-1
ALAN R. PETERS et al.	:	Date: 30 October 2002
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TITLE: HEAD ASSEMBLY FOR A CUTTING MACHINE

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed 12 August 2002, having a period for response set to expire on 12 November 2002, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please replace existing claims 1 and 2 with the following amended claims 1 and 2, marked-up copies of which are included in the Appendix attached hereto.

1. (Once Amended) A head assembly for a cutting machine, comprising:

a head having mounting means for movement of said head assembly on an axis, said head defining a first channel oriented at an oblique angle to said axis; and

a slide mounted for slidable movement in said channel of said head between a withdrawn blade position and a plunged blade position, said slide having a second channel therein extending substantially parallel to said first channel for receiving a blade-holding magazine inserted therein, said slide and head having first cooperating mechanical means thereon for adjustably limiting the movement of said slide to said plunged blade position;